

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15:

The spacing regions 21 may also be referred to as spacers, or as spacing bodies.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 with the following paragraph:

By appropriately configuring the ~~plug-spacing~~ region 20-21 so that it completely surrounds active or micromechanical parts, it is possible to ensure perfect sealing (even vacuum sealing or sealing in a controlled environment) of these parts.